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Note verbale dated 27 April 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of Namibia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council, and has the honour to forward a letter from the Representative of the Frente Polisario to the United Nations, Ahmed Boukhari, addressed to the President of the Security Council (see annex). The Mission would like to request that the letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Upon instructions from my authorities, I have the honour to inform you that, in response to the appeal of several friendly countries and the commitment of the Secretary-General contained in his report of 10 April 2017 to the Security Council (S/2017/307) to urgently consider the general conditions with regard to compliance with the letter and the spirit of military agreement No. 1 of 24 December 1997, in the Guerguerat area, the Frente Polisario has taken the decision to redeploy the elements of its armed forces present in that area and who had been dispatched in response to the serious violation of this agreement by Morocco on 11 August 2016, a violation duly reported by the Frente Polisario to the United Nations.

Recalling that Guerguerat is an integral part of the territory of Western Sahara, the Frente Polisario emphasizes that this decision is an additional testimony to its desire to encourage the efforts of the United Nations.

Recalling also the constant sacrifices of the Saharawi people for peace, the Frente Polisario emphasizes that this decision does not under any circumstances jeopardize the status of the Territory and that it will be reviewed in the light of the commitments of all stakeholders.

In this regard, the Frente Polisario takes due note of the availability of the United Nations to ensure a permanent presence of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) in this area.

The Frente Polisario, which has consistently supported the efforts of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations, reiterates its strict commitment to the settlement plan endorsed by the Security Council in 1991 and, in this context, its expectation for a genuine political process within the framework of the United Nations doctrine on decolonization and the full respect for the right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination.

(*Signed*) Ahmed **Boukhari**
Representative of the Frente Polisario to the United Nations